

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received an application for renewal of discharge permits #NEV4033 and #NEV92035 from the following two applicants:

Applicant #1 (NEV40033):

City of Yerington

P.O. Box 479

Yerington, NV 89447

Applicant #2 (NEV92035):

Nevada Department of Wildlife

1100 Valley Road

Reno, NV 89512

Applicant #1 operates the Yerington Wastewater Treatment Facility, located at 215 Trowbridge, Yerington, Lyon County, Nevada. The Yerington treatment facility is designed for a capacity of 0.71 million gallons per day (MGD) of domestic (sanitary) wastewater and currently discharges 0.27 MGD. The facility uses four lined, aerated treatment cells to discharge secondary-treated (biological oxidation), disinfected (bleach) effluent to Cinnamon Pond in the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area for wetland enhancement purposes.

Applicant #2 operates the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area, located in Lyon County, seven miles north of Yerington, Nevada. In addition to Cinnamon Pond, this facility also operates the Mason Valley Fish Hatchery. The hatchery is supplied with groundwater and raises trout for stocking purposes. The hatchery effluent is discharged to several stocked ponds to provide fishing recreation. The fish hatchery currently discharges 5 MGD of effluent.

The Division has made the tentative determination to issue (renew) the two proposed discharge permits for a period of five (5) years. Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding issuance of these permits, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on November 3, 2003, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Division of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Water Pollution Control

333 West Nye Lane

Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851

The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the applications. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permits, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The applications, proposed permits, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by

calling Mark A. Kaminski, P.E., Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9424 (e-mail: mkaminsk@ndep.nv.gov). The office fax number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the interested reader can view a copy of these Fact Sheets at the following website address: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>